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Title: Rapid Diagnostic Method for Distinguishing Allergies  
and Infections and Nasal Secretion Collection Unit

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Response to Restriction Requirement

Sir:

The USPTO sent a restriction requirement mailed October 6, 2003. Applicants attach hereto a Preliminary Amendment filed December 13, 2001, which cancels all of the claims except claim 31. Accordingly, this pertains to group IV as set forth in the restriction requirement. Accordingly, Applicants assert that the restriction requirement is moot in view of this Preliminary Amendment.

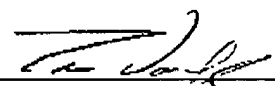
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To: The Assistant Commissioner for Patents

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

**In the specification:**

Please delete the first paragraph on page one of the specification (lines 8 through 11) and replace with the following new paragraph:

"This application is a divisional of application number 09/597,360, which was filed June 19, 2000, which is a continuation in part of PCT application serial number PCT/US99/05751 and application number 09/936,954, filed March 16, 1999, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of application number 08/621,557, filed March 26, 1996 now US Patent 5,910,421, which is a continuation in part of application serial number 08/576,604, filed on December 21, 1995, now abandoned.